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April 14, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Acquisition of Leasehold Rights Due to Tax Forfeiture  
St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area  
Clay Township – St. Clair County  
Land Transaction Case #20080026

<u>Leaseholder</u>	<u>Property Description</u>	<u>Delinquent Tax Year(s)</u>
Donald Van Sickle	The South ½ of Lot 384, Sni Bora Channel	2004, 2005
Stanley Kerley	Lot 443, Sni Bora Channel	2005
Harold Foran	Lots 18 and 19, Middle Channel	2003, 2004, 2005
Donald Fredericks	That part of Lot 183 lying East of a line beginning on the North 100 feet East from its Northwest corner; thence South to a point on its South line 91.28 feet East of its Southwest corner, Middle Channel	2004, 2005
Joseph Hicks	Lot 402, Middle Channel	2005

Authority: In accordance with Public Act 451 of 1994, the leases on the following described parcels of land situated within the St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area were submitted for forfeiture by St. Clair County to the Department of Natural Resources (Department) for non-payment of property taxes. The leasehold rights stand forfeited because of nonpayment of the property taxes for the years indicated.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department's April 28, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on May 5, 2008.

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Comments:

The lands subject to the forfeited leases are located within the St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area in Southeast St. Clair County, five miles Southwesterly of Algonac. The lots will become unencumbered State-owned lands inside the project boundary.

State-owned lands in St. Clair Flats are leased under authority of Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended. Taxes are due and payable on December 1 of each year. The provisions in the Act allow delinquent taxes to be paid any time up to December 1 of the following year. The Treasurer for St. Clair County submitted the leases for forfeiture because of outstanding property taxes. Written notices of the tax delinquency were served to the leaseholders with the final notice by certified mail.

The above mentioned leaseholders failed to pay the delinquent taxes despite receiving the written notices. Pursuant to Part 339, Public Act 451 of 1994, the leasehold rights stand forfeited because of nonpayment of delinquent taxes.

Recommendations:

- (1) That a Certificate of Cancellation for each of the leases with delinquent taxes be issued and recorded under authority of Part 339, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended.
- (2) That the former leaseholders be informed of the lease cancellations.
- (3) That the Department of Environmental Quality, Land and Water Management Unit be informed of the cancellation of the leases.

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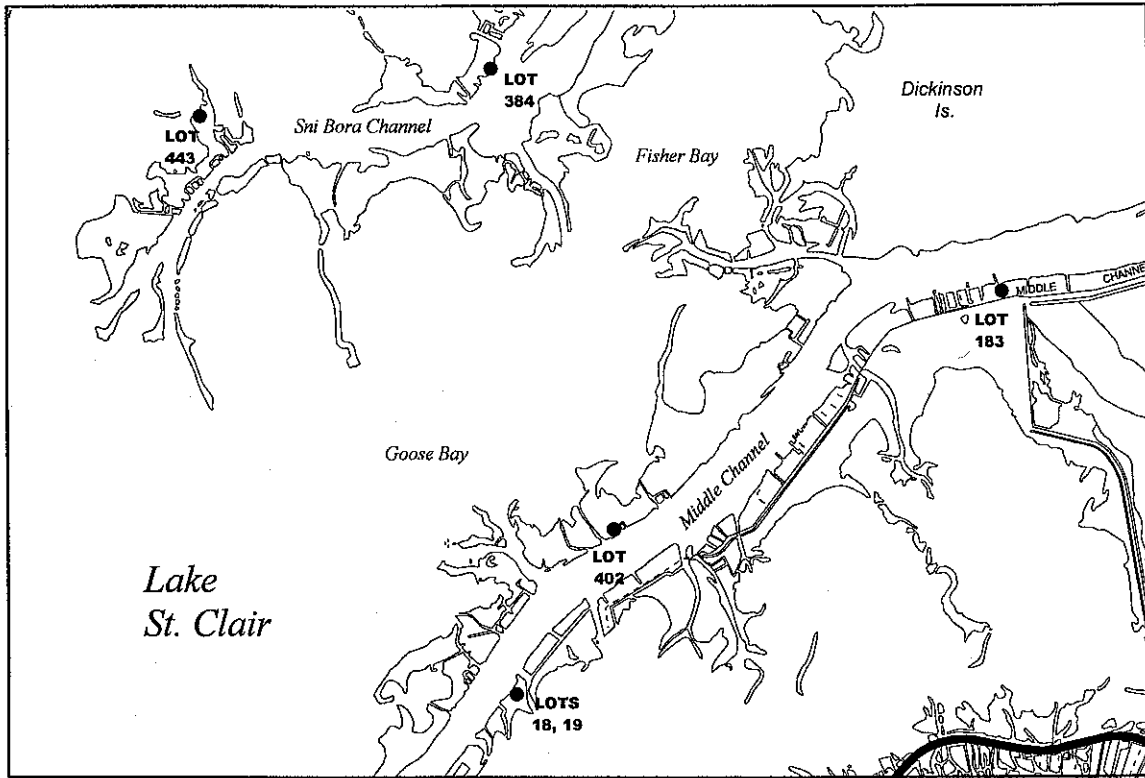
I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

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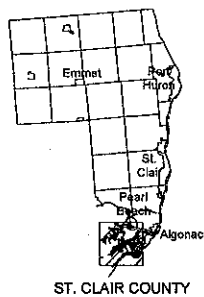
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ACQUISITION OF LEASEHOLD RIGHTS  
DUE TO TAX FORFEITURE  
St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area - St. Clair County  
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St. Clair Flats, Clay Township

- State Game Area Boundary
- Approximate Location of Lease Holders



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